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FIFTH-STRAIGHT LOSS

The Eastern women's soccer team lost 2-0 Tuesday to extend their losing streak to five matches.

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Faculty Senate talks lack of diversity, solutions

By Corryn Brock

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Eastern's Faculty Senate discussed Eastern's Quality Initiative Proposal, "Diversifying Eastern Faculty and Staff for Student Success" during its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The primary goal of the plan is to increase diversity of faculty and staff at Eastern "by increasing the racial diversity of Eastern's faculty and staff to levels that are representative of the increasing racial diversity in our student population."

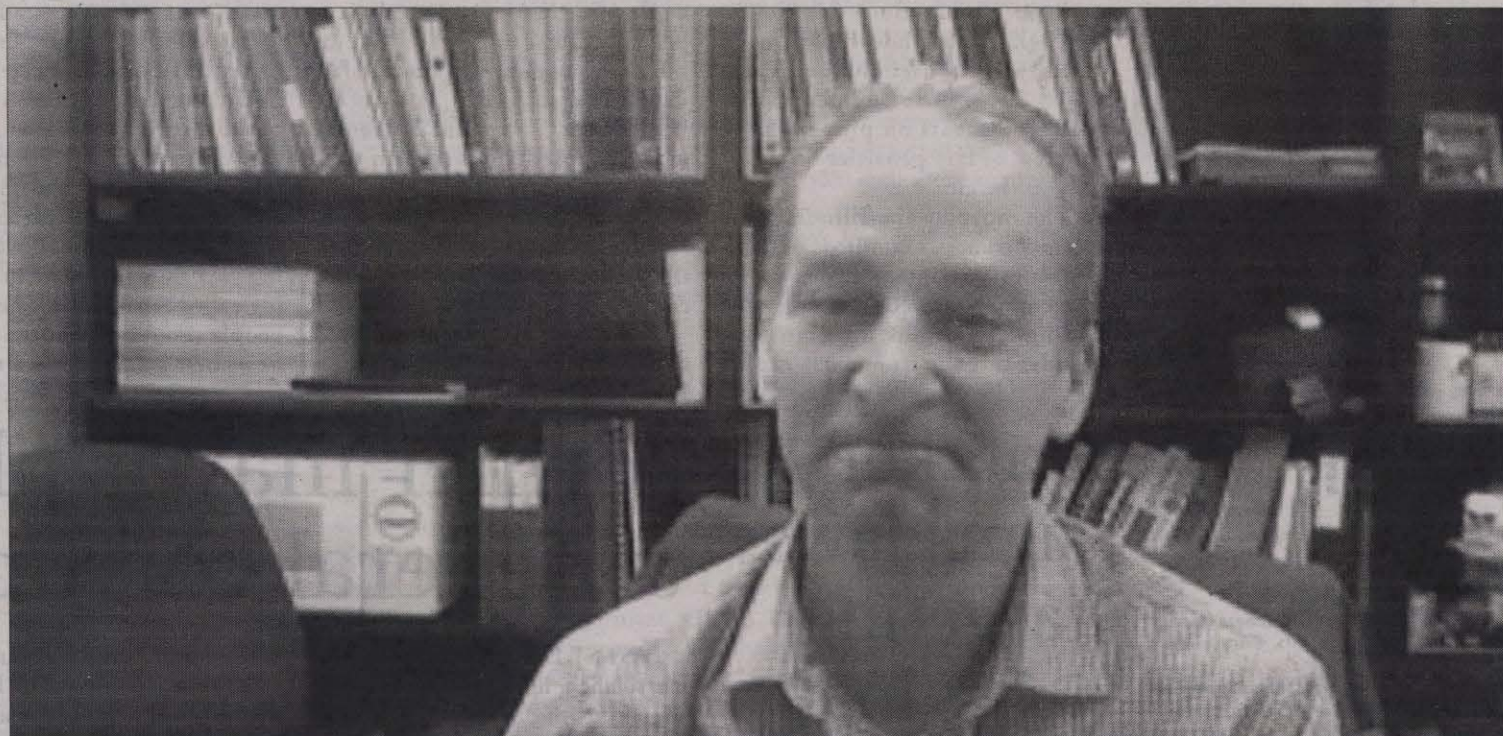
Eastern currently has the least diversity of employees among public universities in Illinois, however, the university has seen an increase in diversity over the last 15 years. In 2005 the university had 10.5% of students from underrepresented groups and 31.5% in Fall 2019.

According to a draft of the plan for the quality initiative, "Though the student demographics have been changing, the faculty and staff populations have remained predominantly White, creating a growing racial gap between students and those who serve them. This increasing disparity creates an urgent need for the institution to take more aggressive action to create an organization that, both in spirit and in visible presence of people of color in positions of power, reflect our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity."

The plan focuses on the recruitment, hiring and retention of diverse faculty and staff.

Each part of the plan has individual tasks under it highlighting what exactly needs to happen in those categories.

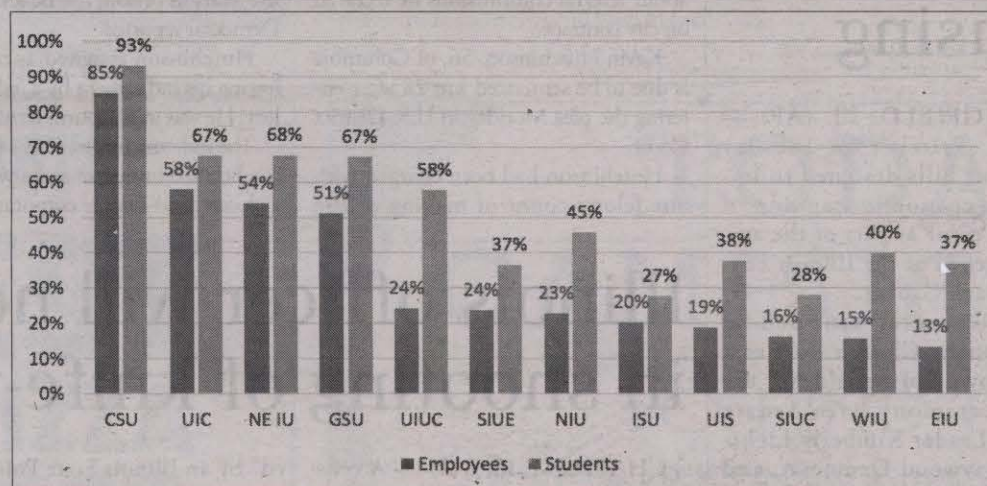
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SCREENSHOTS BY CORRYN BROCK

(Top) Jeffery Stowell speaks on Eastern's Quality Initiative Proposal that is set to diversifying Eastern's faculty and staff. The plan speaks specifically on diversifying the faculty and staff based on race and ethnicity. Eastern currently has the lowest percentage of employees from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

(Left) A chart shows the difference between public universities in Illinois and the level of diversity at those institutions. It focuses on the percentage of employees who are part of an underrepresented racial/ethnic group and students who are part of an underrepresented racial/ethnic group compared to each other.



Student Senate to meet Wednesday

By Helena Edwards

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The Student Senate will be voting on the second resolution of this year on the proposed Campus Recreation fee increase during Wednesday's meeting.

The increase will go from \$6.00 per credit hour to \$9.00 per credit hour, with a cap at 12 credit hours per student for the 2022 fiscal year.

Sarah Daugherty, director of Campus Recreation at Eastern, said at last week's Student Senate meeting that the current budget for the recreation center uses funds self-generated through selling memberships. The recreation center does not receive money from the state for costs.

Student workers are paid from money from the apportionment board and six students there are currently being funded by federal work study.

Daugherty said that the increase in this fee would allow the apportionment board to remove Campus Recreation from consideration. This would also allow the apportionment board to possibly invest in equipment, lockers, a previously considered rock wall, among other items at Campus Recreation.

Daugherty showed the apportionment board allocation through the years for Campus Recreation. The allocation will be changed to \$0 if the fee increase is approved, however if it fails then it would be \$205,200.

Extra money left over before the full wage increase to \$15 per hour is to be used for equipment, facility improvement and professional staff.



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Student Senator Paige Thing is sworn in during the Feb. 3 Student Senate meeting. This was the only meeting that has been held in person this academic year.

There are currently two professional staff and 65 pieces of cardio equipment. 70 percent of the cardio equipment is over six years old.

Student Body Executive Vice President Michael Perri asked if equipment out of date poses a higher risk of injury to which Daugherty said that all the equipment is safe, however new equipment is safer than older and that interactive equipment will never be eliminated.

Student Body Senator Karki said through his work at Campus Recreation that he supports the increase and knows of two machines that are not working properly at the current moment.

Student Body Senator Amaya who also works at Campus Recreation supports the increase and said that new equipment and such would attract more people instead of them going to somewhere like Planet Fitness.

Student Body Senators have been tasked with asking peers what they feel about the increase, as well as formulating their own opinions for this week's meeting to discuss and vote upon the resolution.

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Student forum held on Douglas Hall name

By Elizabeth Taylor

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Eastern's Naming Committee held a forum on Tuesday evening for students to share their thoughts on whether the name of Douglas Hall should be changed.

Lincoln and Douglas Halls were named to commemorate the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, a series of debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas as they both campaigned to be elected as United States Senator from Illinois in 1858.

During that time and later in his political career, Douglas was known for his strong support of slavery.

The Naming Committee was first tasked with discussing Douglas Hall's name in 2010 and has repeatedly chosen not to change the name. However, this is the first time that there wasn't a specific suggestion for a new name; rather, the Naming Committee will be able to suggest a new name if they do recommend that it be changed.

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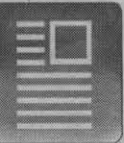


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Evanston first to offer reparations

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Using tax money from the sale of recreational marijuana, the Chicago suburb of Evanston has become the first U.S. city to make reparations available to its Black residents for past discrimination and the lingering effects of slavery.

The City Council on Monday voted 8-1 to begin making good on its pledge to distribute \$10 million over the next 10 years with the distribution of \$400,000 to eligible Black households. Each qualifying household would receive \$25,000 for home repairs, down payments on property, and interest or late penalties on property in the city.

The move by the Illinois community comes as hundreds of communities and organizations across the country are considering providing reparations. In Evanston, besides revenue from a 3% tax on

the sale of recreational marijuana, a small portion of the money — \$21,340 — is coming to the city in private donations.

Qualifying residents must either have lived in or been a direct descendant of a Black person who lived in Evanston between 1919 to 1969, or that person's direct descendant, who suffered discrimination in housing because of city ordinances, policies or practices. Also, residents who also experienced discrimination due to the city's policies or practices after 1969 can qualify.

Alderman Robin Rue Simmons, who proposed the program that was adopted in 2019, said groups in support of reparations have offered pro-bono legal assistance if the program is challenged in court.

"This is set aside for an injured community that happens to be

Black, that was injured by the city of Evanston for anti-Black housing policies," Simmons said.

At the same time, Simmons suggested that the money is just a start to right the wrongs of the past.

"We all know that the road to repair and justice in the Black community is going to be a generation of work," Simmons said. "It's going to be many programs and initiatives, and more funding."

The City Council acted after dozens of citizens addressed the body and the plan received some pushback from several.

Alderman Cicely Fleming, the lone vote against the plan, said she supports reparations, but what the City Council was debating is a housing plan that is being called reparations. She said the people should dictate the terms of how their grievances are repaired.

Fleming described the program as paternalistic, and it assumes Black people can't manage their own money.

Other communities and organizations considering providing reparations range from the state of California to cities like Amherst, Massachusetts, Providence, Rhode Island, Asheville, North Carolina, and Iowa City, Iowa; religious denominations like the Episcopal Church; and prominent colleges like Georgetown University in Washington.

The efforts, some of which have been underway for years, have gained momentum in the wake of the death of George Floyd in police custody last May in Minneapolis. President Joe Biden has even expressed support for creating a federal commission to study Black reparations, a proposal that's languished for decades in Congress.

Pritzker signs laws targeting jobs, loans, housing

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday signed four bills designed to improve the economic standing of people of color as part of the ambitious agenda of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

The Democrat stopped at Union Baptist Church, just east of downtown Springfield, for the signing ceremony with Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, a Maywood Democrat, and other leading Black legislators.

The latest legislation is the economic portion of the Black Caucus' "four pillars" of equity and fairness that grew from the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis last spring. The others are criminal justice and education, which Pritzker has signed, and health care.

One key bill signed Tuesday caps interest on payday loans to 36%. The average annual percentage rate on an Illinois payday loan is 297%. Sponsors say it drives people initially seeking small, short-term loans into endless debt.

Another piece of legislation expands the Illinois Human Rights Act to prohibit employers from disqualifying a job applicant because of a criminal record unless it relates substantially to the job.

Similarly, Pritzker signed into law a measure allowing people with felony convictions to live in public housing.

The state's more than 100 public housing agencies set their own rules. Sponsors said those that bar residents with criminal records contribute to homelessness and recidivism.

Another law requires state review of the low- and moderate-income loans by banks and other lenders to improve investment in lower income communities.

Former mayor pleads guilty to federal corruption charge

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — A former southern Illinois mayor has pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators about referral commissions he received on city contracts.

Kevin Hutchinson, 56, of Columbia is due to be sentenced Jun 28 after entering the plea Monday in U.S. District Court.

Hutchinson had been charged with one felony count of making a false

statement to the federal Southern Illinois Public Corruption Task Force. The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, the Belleville News-Democrat reported.

Hutchinson resigned as mayor following his indictment by a federal grand jury. He was in his fourth term.

The indictment describes Hutchinson as a licensed insurance agent who owned a closely held Illinois corporation called

BMC Associates, Inc. It said the Columbia city government provides health-insurance coverage for employees and contracts for property/casualty loss insurance.

Hutchinson and his company received referral commissions from the insurance contracts that the city placed with two other companies, the indictment said. The city council and city manager were unaware of the commissions.

Illinois officer will not face charges in shooting of knife-wielding man

CHATHAM, Ill. (AP) — A central Illinois police officer who shot a knife-wielding man four times when the man charged at him won't face charges in the shooting, a prosecutor says.

Sangamon County state's attorney Dan Wright said Monday in a news release that Chatham police Officer Adam Hahn was justified in using force likely to cause death or great bodily harm "under the totality of the circumstances reflect-

ed" by an Illinois State Police investigation.

Hahn was called to a residence in Chatham, a Sangamon County village, on March 7 after a caller told dispatchers a man with a knife was cutting himself and said he would kill everyone, The State Journal-Register reported.

That man, later identified as Gregory Small, 30, did not listen when Hahn told him multiple times to drop the knife. Small

then charged Hahn, who fired four shots, each of which struck Small.

Hahn and another officer "immediately took life-saving measures" and called for an ambulance that arrived moments later, according to the Chatham Police Department.

Small, 30, was later released from a hospital, but he faces a charge of aggravated assault and is due in court Thursday, according to Chatham Deputy Chief Scott Tart.

State agency approved sale of Chicago hospital to non-profit

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board on Monday approved the sale of Chicago's oldest hospital to a newly-formed not-for-profit.

Insight Chicago received approval from the state review board to purchase Mercy Hospital and Medical Center from its owner, Trinity Health.

Insight Chicago, which is affiliated with a Michigan health system, filed documents prior to the vote indicating a change of the hospital's name because it will no longer operate as a Catholic facility.

"Our intention is to operate at full-service," Insight CEO Dr.

Jawad Shah said. "We are in this for the long haul."

Officials said the hospital will offer an emergency department, rehabilitation center, stroke programs, behavioral health assistance, an obstetrics unit, intensive care unit and inpatient medical surgical beds.

Mercy filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last month with plans to close in May, citing operating losses of \$7 million per month. The filing came after the state denied an application from Mercy's owner, Trinity Health, to open an outpatient care center.

The approval of the review board means the acquisition of Mercy by

Insight has the blessing of the state, but the two entities must finalize the deal. Insight seeks to purchase the hospital from Trinity Health for \$1.

Community organizers applauded Insight's track record for working in underserved communities like it has in Flint, Michigan. However, Jitu Brown of Journey 4 Justice said it was important that people in the community have a say in the future of Mercy.

Mercy dates to 1852, when a rooming house was converted into a hospital by the Sisters of Mercy. It survived the Chicago Fire of 1871.

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Jury set for ex-cop's trial in Floyd death; starts Monday

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A jury has been seated for the trial of a former Minneapolis police officer in George Floyd's death, with opening statements set for Monday in a case that led to weeks of protests and a national soul-searching about racial justice.

The final juror was chosen Tuesday, wrapping up a process that took more than two weeks and was complicated by worldwide attention to Floyd's death, even before the city of Minneapolis announced a \$27 million settlement to his family during the fourth day of jury selection.

Attorneys and the judge worked through more than 100 people, dismissing most because they acknowledged strong views about an encounter that was captured on bystander video.

The panel now includes 15 jurors. Twelve will deliberate, with two alter-

nates; Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill has said he will excuse the extra juror when opening statements begin on Monday if the 14 others still are able to serve.

Derek Chauvin is charged with murder and manslaughter in the May 25 death of Floyd. The Black man was declared dead after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against his neck for about nine minutes while he was handcuffed and pleading that he couldn't breathe. The widely seen video set off street protests in Minneapolis, some violent, that spread across the U.S. and the world.

The final juror chosen, a white man in his 20s, is a married accountant who said he had a somewhat negative opinion of Chauvin, saying it seemed like the length of his restraint on Floyd was longer than necessary. But he said he would

be able to put that aside and weigh the case based on the evidence.

He said Floyd's death sparked discussions about racism at work, and he decided to educate himself by reading a book about the subject. He said he respects police and views Black Lives Matter somewhat favorably. However, he said some of the frustrations boiled over and may have been a factor in violent unrest in Minneapolis.

He also said he understands that professional athletes who kneel during the national anthem are trying to start a dialogue on race, but "I would prefer if someone would express their beliefs in a different manner."

Several other potential jurors were dismissed earlier in the day, including a former truck driver who called a movement to defund the police "lunacy" and said he would likely believe police officers over

citizens.

Throughout jury selection, the defense frequently struck people who told the court they already had strong feelings about Chauvin's guilt. The prosecution frequently used its allotted challenges against potential jurors who were not just supportive of police but said they would favor their testimony over others. They also sought to block potential jurors who were critical or doubtful about the Black Lives Matter movement.

Both sides now gear up for opening statements on Monday. Legal experts have said the bystander video — already seen by almost everyone on the jury — is compelling footage but that a conviction is not a slam-dunk for prosecutors.

The defense has made clear that they will make an issue of Floyd swallowing drugs before his arrest, seeking to convince the jury that he was at least par-

tially responsible for his death. Defense attorney Eric Nelson won a partial victory when Cahill said he would allow some evidence from Floyd's 2019 arrest in Minneapolis in which he also swallowed drugs. In the 2019 case, paramedics were called to the scene and noted Floyd's dangerously high blood pressure.

Cahill said he would allow medical evidence of Floyd's physical reactions and a short clip of an officer's body camera video from the 2019 arrest. He said Floyd's "emotional behavior," such as calling out to his mother, won't be admitted.

The county medical examiner classified Floyd's death as a homicide in an initial summary that said he "had a cardiopulmonary arrest while being restrained by police." Floyd was declared dead at a hospital 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from where he was restrained.

Hawaii gets tourism surge as coronavirus rules loosen up

HONOLULU (AP) — Tourists are traveling to Hawaii in larger numbers than officials anticipated, and many are wandering around Waikiki without masks, despite a statewide mandate to wear them in public.

Hawaii's "Safe Travels" program reported that about 28,000 people flew into and throughout the islands on Saturday, the highest number of travelers in a single day since the pandemic began, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Monday.

Before the pandemic, Hawaii had about 30,000 arrivals daily. When quarantine rules were put in place early in the pandemic, arrivals plummeted and the state's tourism-dependent economy tanked.

In October, state officials launched a pre-travel testing program that allowed visitors to sidestep quarantine rules. But travel remained sluggish until the second week in March, when spring break tourists started arriving in the islands.

Travel company Pleasant Holidays president and CEO Jack Richards told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser that the agency's bookings increased 30% over the last two weeks.

"We haven't seen travel demand for Hawaii this strong for over a year," Richards said. "I thought we would have a U-shaped recovery; it's V-shaped. January and February were terrible, but we've gone from zero to 150 mph in two weeks."

Hawaii News Now reported that officials are receiving complaints about visitors not wearing masks. With a few exceptions, people in Hawaii are still required to wear masks while in public.

"I'm a believer that if you're outdoors, you can remove it," said Glenn Day, a visitor from Indiana.

Visitors said rules in their home states are different than those in place in Hawaii.

"We carry our masks around and if

we walk into an establishment we'll wear one, and if people look like they're uncomfortable with us around, we'll put one on. But otherwise, like I said where we come from, people are really not required to wear them," Wisconsin visitor Larry Dopke said.

"I'm not wearing one right now, I'm outdoors," said Todd Hasley who was visiting from Idaho. "Boise city has an indoor mask mandate. The rest of the state has a mask recommendation."

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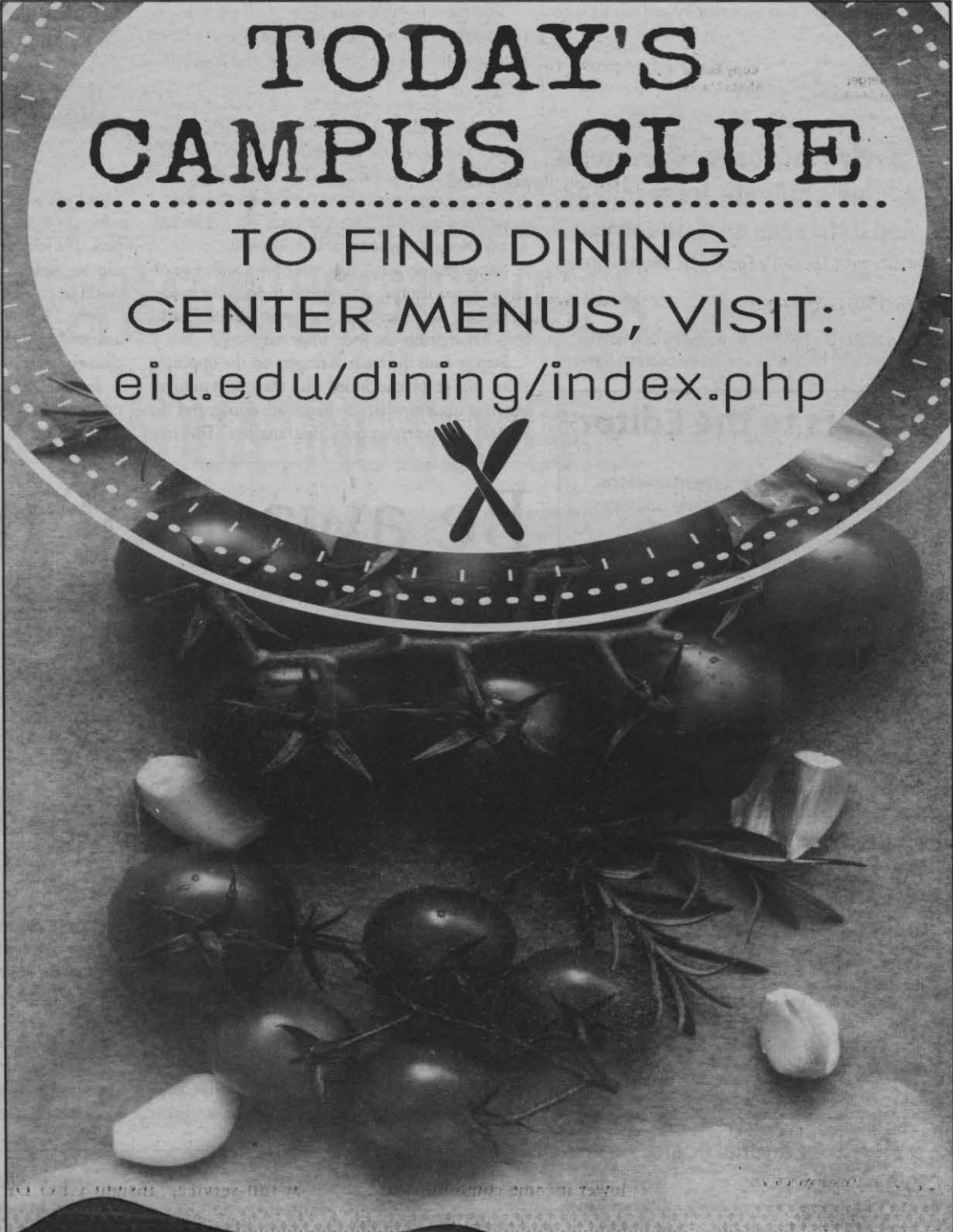
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Student forum turnout pathetic

Less than 20 students attended the forum scheduled to allow students to share their thoughts on the possibility of changing the name of Douglas Hall.

That is less than one percent of students who attend Eastern. Less than one percent of students came to a forum that lasted less than an hour to continue a debate that is over a decade old.

How incredibly disheartening it is to see in that even in a time filled with activism and correcting the wrongs of our society's past, not even one percent of students can show up to give their opinions on a debate our campus has been having for 10 years.

There is power in getting up and sharing your voice and your opinions with others. There is power in showing an interest in your campus community and being a part of the the big changes happening around you.

While now there are only forums scheduled for select student groups, faculty members and community members, there is still a way to share your opinions and that is by filling out a survey at go.eiu.edu/EIU-DouglasHallSurvey.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* hope that students will use the survey to share their opinion and have pride in being involved in their campus. We also hope those students who still have the ability to attend a forum take that opportunity and not let it go to waste.

Quote of the Day:

"Every year, many, many stupid people graduate from college. And if they can do it, so can you."

John Green

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BY ZACH BERGER

Panthers: wash your hands

In one of my recent forays into my dormitory bathroom, I took particular notice of a group of signs that have been up on the walls all year that I had never considered given their somewhat obvious nature.

The most notable sign takes the most valuable real estate on the mirror. Its composition of various blues and that blocky, eye-pleasing EIU font is impossible to miss.

The sign features a reminder that Panthers should wash their hands in order to protect their fellow Panthers. Underneath the demands to "WASH YOUR HAND! FOR 20 SECONDS OR MORE!" is a 12-step program on how to wash both hands. I won't delve into the entire sequence, but I've included my thoughts on some of the highlights.

Step 2: Apply soap. It seems obvious. But so often a harried Panther will quickly flick on the faucet, rinse their hands and exit the bathroom in a haste. Step 2 is arguably the most important step.

Step 6: Rub the back of fingers on the opposing palm. The graphic included with this one is infuriating. It is unclear what the hands are doing, and the up and down arrows don't help matters. This step



Ryan Meyer

could easily be skipped while performing Step 5, which instructs Panthers to scrub between their fingers. The soap that leaks between the clasped hands can be used to wash the backs of fingers and Step 6 could be entirely avoided.

Step 12: Your hands are clean. It's important to acknowledge this fact as you exit the bathroom a cleaner and more protected Panther.

In small font at the bottom of the flyer is an invitation to learn more at eiu.edu/covid. It's here where the university has made their most critical error. It's

obviously important to wash one's hands during a pandemic, but I believe these signs should stay up long after the pandemic becomes a distant memory. I seriously doubt that Panthers who aren't washing their hands now would be washing their hands in pre- or post-COVID environments. They might just need the friendly reminder for the rest of their lives.

It's important to consider opposing viewpoints, though. Maybe the signs are the very things causing Panthers to avoid sinks like a deadly virus. This rebellious, free-spirited generation sees an establishment telling them to do something, so they instantly decline to do so.

I think this theory holds a lot of significance and is worth considering when the university is addressing hand-washing problems in the future. Should the signs stay up forever, or are they the roadblock to universal Panther hygiene? Let me know what you think.

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Be aware of microaggressions

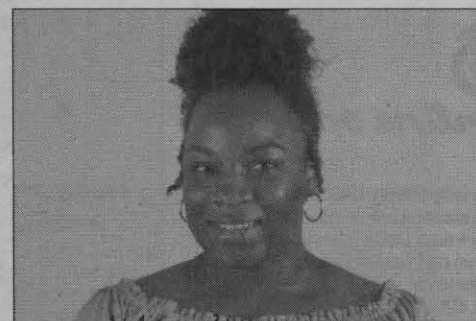
I've been thinking about the many people I've encountered who don't know or understand the concept of microaggressions and how prevalent they are. This issue is on my mind because of my existence as a person of color, specifically as a Black woman.

The fact that microaggressions are so common and under the radar has made me numb to them and makes it easier for people to commit them. An incident I've recently experienced incited my motivation to write this.

To those who don't know, microaggressions are remarks, questions or actions that reinforce racist, derogatory or stereotypical attitudes toward marginalized groups.

Some people brush off microaggressions or don't recognize them as problematic because they are, for lack of a better term, micro. They aren't as obviously offensive as saying a racial slur, making fun of someone's ethnicity or denying someone an opportunity due to their background.

My frustration with microaggressions is not that they exist, they always will, but that those who commit them are often self-proclaimed allies, or see them-



Destiny Blanchard

selves as "woke." A key example is that the news has been reporting the racially-motivated Atlanta shooting that resulted in the deaths of eight people, six of whom were Asian. I heard someone talking about the shooting and state that they couldn't say the names of those victims because they were "Chinese," although not all of the Asian victims were Chinese.

At first glance, this seems like a harmless comment, but it qualifies as a microaggression. This issue is common in America, grouping Asian people of

different backgrounds together as Chinese is incredibly insensitive and insulting to the various countries, cultures and languages included in the Asian-American community.

The other issue is implying that you can't pronounce someone's name because of their language or ethnicity. America already has a history of forcing people to conform to (or assimilate to) American culture by taking on the names, costumes and lifestyles that are considered "American."

When ignorant people see names they aren't familiar with they feel that it's fine to not take extra time to pronounce them, because they only value names that sound "American."

The easiest way to avoid committing microaggressions would be to look up examples of them and see if you have been a part of the problem; it seems counterproductive but it leaves no room for you to slip up and say something that may hurt those around you.

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Recruitment will have a focus on Eastern's reputation as an employer, enhancing Eastern's online reputation (the website and LinkedIn), planning for searches that will diversify and advertising.

The hiring aspect of the draft discussed the ways that people are hired in specific fields at Eastern.

The retention and campus climate aspect will focus on contract negotiations, professional developmental practices and the campus climate.

The committee also heard from Eastern Vice President of University Advancement Ken Wetstein and chair of the Naming Committee Angie Campbell on how the committee has been dealing with its task of making a recommendation on whether or not to rename Douglas Hall.

The two explained the process the committee goes through to make a recommendation and shared with the senate that an all-faculty forum on the topic will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. virtually.

Those interested in attending should reach out to Faculty Senate Chair and Naming Committee member Don Holly for information to attend the meeting via Zoom.

This will be the third of seven forums that focus on collecting feedback on the potential name change.

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Ken Wetstein, Claudia Danyi and Carlos Amaya moderated the student forum as representatives from the Naming Committee. April Marchuk, another committee member, was also in attendance.

Wetstein opened the forum by explaining where the name came from and the Naming Committee's past decisions on whether to change the name, then opened the floor for input from students.

Zach Sandoval, a graduate student studying college student affairs, said that while the history of the Lincoln-Douglas debates is important, the name still should be changed due to negative connotations.

"I think it'd be kind of similar to a World War II hall, like 'President Roosevelt and Hitler Halls' or something," Sandoval said.

Jason Boomgarden, a sophomore English education major, prepared for the forum by reading transcripts of some of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. He read passages aloud to highlight the fact that both men involved in the debate had racist, pro-slavery positions at that time.

"The reason we've kept Douglas Hall the way it's named has always been to honor the speeches that were made here, to honor the historic event," Boomgarden said. "The content of that historical event doesn't seem worth honoring in any way. It's a debate in which both people hurled racism at each other at the expense of people of color in Illinois and across America and across the world. I think that it's best that we change the name to honor someone worth honoring."

Raven Ramsey, junior construction management major and resident of Douglas Hall, said that the name needs to be changed to follow Eastern's push for diversity and progress.



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Students take part in a forum held by the Naming Committee. The purpose of the forum was to collect information on how students feel about potentially renaming Douglas Hall.

"Diversity comes with honor. A lot of diverse individuals have gone through things in our history and this could be a first step toward change, you know, honoring the right people," Ramsey said.

Josie Johnson, a grad student studying health promotions, is the current Associate Resident Director of Douglas Hall. She said that the fact that the name change had been requested so many times is a sign that it should be changed.

"I think there's actually great gain for the university to put some action to their words, and it could be a great opportunity to honor somebody even from EIU history that our students could learn about and honor," Johnson said.

Cloe Bourdages, a grad student studying college student affairs, said that the

name should be changed to show support for students who live on campus.

"I don't feel like those names really value EIU's mission statement, especially when it comes to talking about the commitment to diversity and inclusion and fostering those opportunities," Bourdages said. "I think it inhibits students' success rather than enhances their success, especially athletes who are forced to live in residence halls associated with names and people who were completely against their identities."

Brandy Matthews, a grad student studying college affairs, said that the name should be changed to reflect the changes that should be made in the community.

"If we really want to go forward upholding those views of diversity and being

inclusive to all, it would be weird if they didn't change the name," Matthews said. "That means that they're still big on racism and that they don't see the need for change. I think that this would be a big movement to show that they are willing to change and be inclusive to all."

The Naming Committee has more forums planned to discuss this topic, including a faculty forum, an open community forum, and several forums for specific student groups.

The community forum will be on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Zoom ID is 943 8017 6654, the password is EIU1895. All community members are welcome.

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Elgin Baylor, Lakers great and aerialist pioneer, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elgin Baylor changed the very direction of basketball when he joined the NBA and brought his vertical feats of athletic brilliance to a largely horizontal game.

He filled scoresheets and sparked young imaginations with his trailblazing aerial style, and every high-flying player of the past 60 years has followed his path.

Although the Lakers' first superstar in Los Angeles never won a championship ring, Baylor still looms high above the franchise and the game he loved.

The Hall of Fame forward died Monday of natural causes in Los Angeles with wife Elaine and daughter Krystal by his side, the team said. He was 86.

An 11-time All-Star who soared through the 1960s with a high-scoring artistry that became the model for the modern basketball player, Baylor played a major role in revolutionizing basketball from a ground-bound sport into an aerial show.

"Elgin was THE superstar of his era — his many accolades speak to that," Lakers owner Jeanie Buss said in a statement.

With a silky-smooth jumper and fluid athleticism, Baylor spent parts of 14 seasons with the Lakers in Minneapolis and Los Angeles, teaming with Jerry West in one of the most potent tandems in basketball history.

Baylor's second career as a personnel executive for 22 1/2 years with the woe-

begone Los Angeles Clippers was far less successful, but he remained a beloved figure in Los Angeles and beyond. Baylor strengthened his ties again to the Lakers over the past decade, and the team honored him with a statue outside Staples Center in 2018.

"Elgin Baylor set the course for the modern NBA as one of the league's first superstar players," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "In addition to his legendary playing career, Elgin was a man of principle. He was a leading activist during the height of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s and an influential voice among his fellow players."

The 6-foot-5 Baylor played in an era before significant television coverage of basketball, and confoundingly little of his play was ever captured on film. His athletic brilliance is best remembered by those who saw it in person. No one had a better view than West, who once called him "one of the most spectacular shooters the world has ever seen."

Baylor had an uncanny ability to hang in mid-air indefinitely, inventing shots and improvising deception along his flight path. Years before Julius Erving and Michael Jordan became international heroes with their similarly acrobatic games, Baylor created the blueprint for the modern superstar.

Baylor was the first NBA player to score 70 points in a game, and he still holds the single-game NBA Finals scor-

ing record with 61 against Boston in 1962. He averaged 27.4 points and 13.5 rebounds over his career, and he even averaged a career-best 38 points during a season in which he only played on weekend passes while on active duty as an Army reservist.

"I spent a lot of time with him over the years," Charles Barkley said during CBS' coverage of the NCAA Tournament. "To me, he's probably the most underrated great basketball player of all time. He always carried himself with great dignity and respect."

Baylor played high above most of his contemporaries, but never won a championship or led the NBA in scoring largely because he played at the same time as centers Bill Russell, who won all the rings, and Wilt Chamberlain, who claimed all the scoring titles. Knee injuries hampered the second half of Baylor's career, although he remained a regular All-Star.

West and Baylor were the first in the long tradition of dynamic pairings with the Lakers, followed by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the 1980s before Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal won three more titles in the 2000s.

"My first few years in the league, he cared for me like a father would a son," West said Monday. "We shared the joy of winning and the heartbreaking losses in the finals. He was a prince both on and off the court."

Belmont program founder virtually cheering Bruins' run

Betty Wiseman couldn't be with the Belmont Bruins to celebrate the first-ever win in the women's NCAA Tournament by the program she founded.

But she shared the moment with them: Wiseman cried and hugged the TV at her Tennessee home.

"The closest I could get to them was through the TV, so I just wrapped my arms around the TV and loved them real good," Wiseman said Tuesday. "I was so proud of them. Wow. It was a monumental day for our program, especially for this team."

Wiseman would know.

The Belmont grad started the women's basketball program in 1968 with no money and two old station wagons to go to games. Pat Head (Summitt) attended one of her high school camps, and Wiseman coached the first 16 seasons going 248-153.

She also knows every player who has put on a Belmont uniform in the 53 seasons of the program.

Now 78, Wiseman spoke to the Bruins before they flew to Texas, and she celebrated with them Monday night in an emotional Zoom session.

Junior forward Conley Chinn

said they can feel Wiseman with them all the time and hear her saying "Let's go Bruins" even when she's watching on TV. Chinn said it's tough to put into words what Wiseman means to the players, who all know she laid the path for them at Belmont.

"I don't think a lot of people can say that about their program, that they've just had such investment by such an incredible woman," Chinn said. "I feel like there's nothing Betty Wiseman can't do. Just who she is is who we all want to be."

Wiseman's message to the team is that anything is possible in a season where the Bruins survived being shut down for a month by COVID-19. She'll be back in front of her TV when Belmont (21-5) plays No. 4 seed Indiana (19-5) on Wednesday.

She said her the tears Monday night were from feeling so relieved to see Belmont reach a standard the Bruins had worked toward for so long.

"I just told them how much I love them, how much they meant, what they've done for this storied program, 53 years in existence," Wiseman said. "And I think there's more. So my heart filled-up. I'm excited."

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Panthers lose 5th-straight match Tuesday

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With a 2-0 home loss to Eastern Kentucky Tuesday afternoon, the Eastern women's soccer team saw its losing streak extended to five matches.

All five of those losses have been shutouts. The Panthers are now 1-6 on the season and in last place in the OVC standings.

Eastern Kentucky improved to 2-4 with the win.

The two teams were evenly matched throughout, both recording eight shots in the match. Two of Eastern's shots were on goal, both saved by the Colonels' senior goalkeeper Billie Clark. Five of Eastern Kentucky's shots were on goal.

For the Panthers, redshirt-sophomore goalkeeper Faith Davies was seeing action for the first time at the collegiate level. She made 3 saves in addition to the pair of goals allowed.

The Colonels jumped out to an early lead when sophomore midfielder Michaela Iacono scored in the seventh minute on an assist from sophomore forward Audrey Anderson. It was Iacono's second goal of the season and Anderson's second assist.

Davies would save the next two shots on goal from the Colonels and the match reached halftime with a 1-0 score.

Despite being held scoreless in the first half, Eastern was on the attack early. Both of the Panthers' shots on goal in the match were recorded in the first 22 minutes.

Freshman forward Karima Rangel had one in the 10th minute and sophomore forward Michaela Dayno added one in the 21st minute.

Eastern had multiple chances to tie the score in the final two minutes of the half, but senior forward Haylee Renick missed wide left on a shot in the 43rd minute and sophomore midfielder Kenzie Balcerak missed wide right just over a minute later.

Eastern also had several scoring chances early in the second half, getting off three shots in a little over a minute.

Dayno attempted a shot in the 49th minute the missed wide right. Sophomore midfielder Nicoletta Anuci recorded her first shot in the 50th minute and Dayno had another shot just seven seconds after Anuci's, but neither could find the net.

There would be no scoring until the 70th minute when Claire Hicks got one behind Davies for an insurance goal. It was the first career goal for the senior defender and it came on the first career assist for freshman midfielder Kylie Fitzgerald.

Rangel attempted another shot for Eastern four minutes later that missed high to the right. It was the last shot the Panthers had in the match.

Eastern has just three matches remaining this season and will be on the road for its next match on March 26 against Austin Peay. It is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

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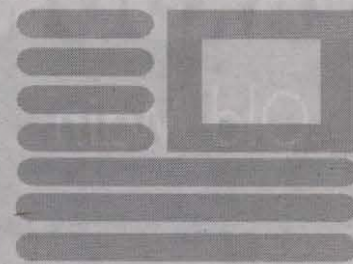
Eastern sophomore forward Michaela Dayno dribbles the ball between a pair of defenders in a match against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville March 9. Eastern would lose the match 7-0.

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